

is not helping the rural areas. That certainly is not helping agriculture to shift that over to the gas tax. I am not going to vote for this. I hope you don't either. Let's just let her go.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, I oppose the package, it's been said almost by everyone else, but further reductions in aid obviously is going to shift to property tax, the mass transit funding, the gas tax of a million eight to the trust fund, and, of course, that comes out of the share that the cities and the counties as well as the state have. As a matter of fact, if he wants to make that move, I assume the likelihood is that the additional \$2.2 million that is requested by formula to go to Lincoln and Omaha would probably in time also be funded. So you would essentially be taking \$5 million out of gas tax whereas now it is about one. And then if the federal funds change for mass transit, which seems to be in the wind, why it will dig into it even further. On the University's cut, as I understand it, it is about 700,000 out of UN-L, 94,000 out of the institute, 395,000 from UN-O and 122,000 from the Med Center supposedly for enrollment decline. I am, frankly, at a loss to know how that figure is arrived at. It might be something less than one-tenth...or, excuse me, five-tenths of one percent of decline in enrollment but that would not equate to a million three. And then the Med Center increase in tuition, we do have an appropriation bill of language that would direct the Regents to make some adjustments in tuition, but it is not that simple and part of the problem is you do a 30 percent increase over and above the 10 percent that the tuition already has, obviously, you are going to increase the need side on scholarships for which no allowance is made and I assume that means then that a further reduction somewhere along the line has to be accomplished to do that. But while I appreciate it adds up to 8.7 million, actually all but a million three of that eight million is a shift, shift to gas tax, property tax and to tuition. And that is not a cut in the budget. So I would urge you to reject the package.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, then Senator Wesely, then Senator Marsh. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would like